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SUBJECT: BIO - GEORGES SALOMON

REF: STATE 43253 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR JOVA, WHO KNOWS SALOMON BOTH HERE AND FROM SALOMON'S ASSIGNMENT AS HAITI'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS, GIVES THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT:

2. LIKE ALL HAITIAN DIPLOMATS, SALOMON IS LOW KEY. HE IS PERHAPS THE NEAREST THING TO A PROFESSIONAL IN THE HAITIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. SALOMON SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS. HIS STAY IN THE OAS WAS BRIEF DUE TO AN INTERNAL GOH SQUABBLE IN WHICH HIS PREDECESSOR PLAYED A ROLE. HE WAS THEN ACCREDITED TO MEXICO (NOV' 71).

3. SALOMON AND HIS WIFE BOTH ARE UPPERCLASS HAITIANS, SPEAKING EXCELLENT ENGLISH AS WELL AS GOOD SPANISH. SHE IS ATTRACTIVE, YOUNGER THAN SALOMON, THOUGH NOT DISPROPORTIONATELY SO. SHE SINGS HAITIAN AND LATIN SONGS.

SALOMON HAS A GOOD REPUTATION IN LATIN AMERICAN CIRCLES (GALO PLAZA KNEW AND LIKED HIM). IN HIS NEW APPOINTMENT HE WILL BE COOPERATIVE, BUT WILL NOT TAKE INITIATIVES.

4. PHOTOGRPAHS WILL BE POUCHED SHORTLY.

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